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OF THE

Board of Commissioners and Officers

OF THE

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For the Year Ending September 30th, 1872,

TO THE GOVERNOR.

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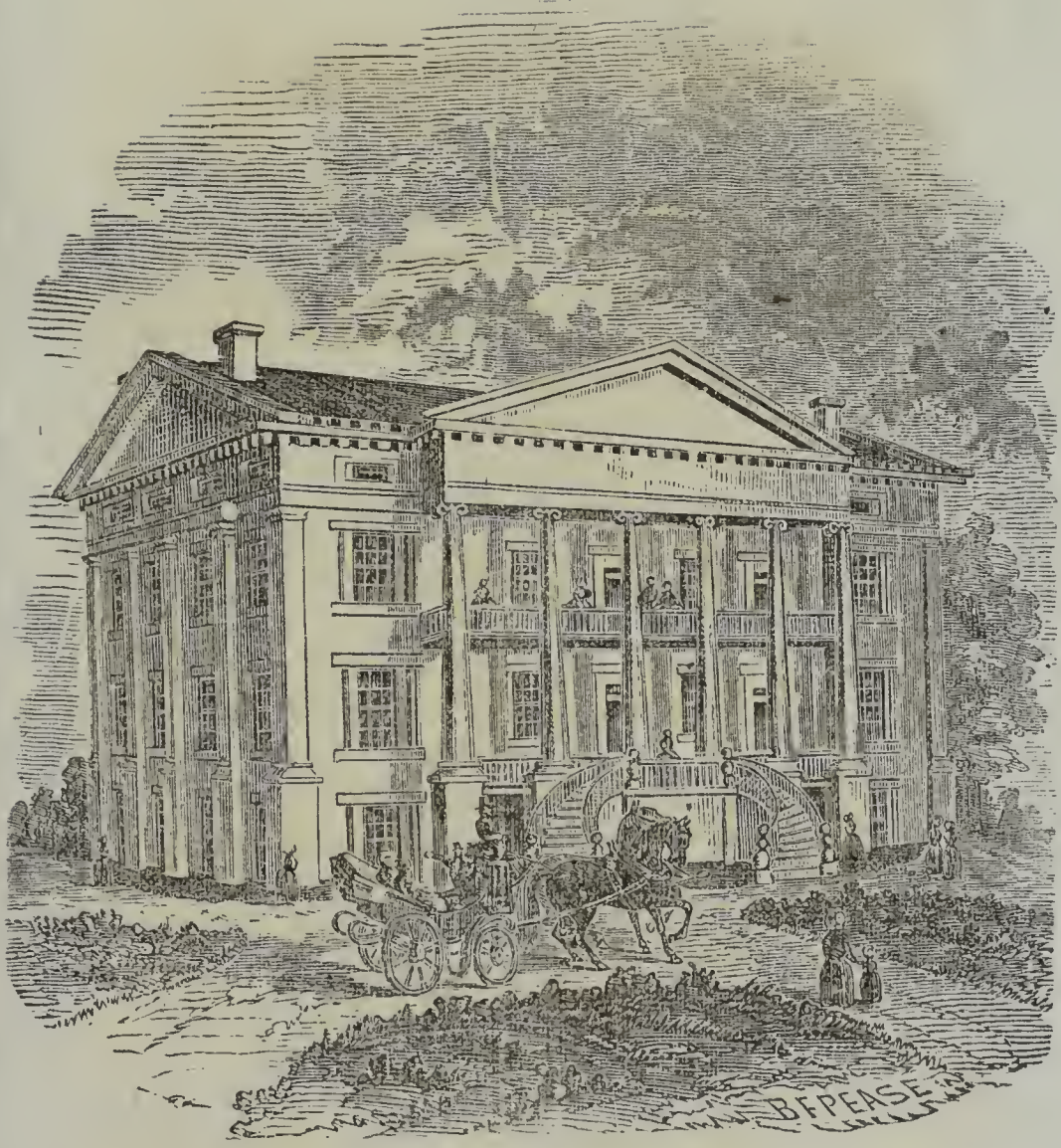
LIST OF OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS.

Robert B. Lindsay, *Ex-Officio.*
Marcus Cruikshank, *President.*
William Taylor.
George S. Walden.
Alonzo G. Storey, *Treasurer.*
Green T. McAfee.
Arthur Bingham.
Charles Pelham.
Jo. H. Johnson, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS OF INSTITUTION

Dr. Jo. H. Johnson, *Principal.*
Mr. R. R. Asbury, *Teacher of the Blind.*
Mrs. Emily A. Johnson, *Teacher of Mutes.*
Mr. J. A. Hoge, " " "
Mr. Wm. S. Johnson, " " "
Miss Mary E. Toney, " " "
Miss Emma Omberg, *Music Teacher.*
Mrs. A. O'Meara, *Matron.*
Mrs. E. Groom, *Assistant Matron.*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REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF ALABAMA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND,
Talladega, Ala., November 11th, 1872.

To His Excellency,

ROBERT B. LINDSAY,

Governor of Alabama:

Sir—I have the honor to submit herewith the Twelfth Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.

The reports of the several officers of the Institution are referred to as containing a full statement of the condition and wants of the Institution.

The report of the Improvement Committee is submitted as showing the full disposition of the balance of the improvement fund left in their hands at date of last report.

I trust that the suggestions of the Principal and Officers of the Institution will meet the approval of your Excellency and receive the attention of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

M. H. CRUIKSHANK,
President Board of Commissioners.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

To the Board of Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully submit the following brief report, together with the reports of the Treasurer and Principal of the Institution.

The year just ended has been a year of peace and progress. Only two changes have been made in the officers of

the Institution. Mrs. A. O'Meare has been appointed matron instead of Mrs. Johnson, who has been given charge of the advanced class of mute pupils.

Miss Mary E. Toney, one of our own pupils, has been added to the corps of teachers in the mute department. She is engaging in the work of educating her fellows in misfortune with her whole heart, and gives promise of great usefulness in this field.

The reports of the Principal and Treasurer give a detailed account of expenditures, progress and condition of the Institution. I respectfully refer you to them for further information.

Jo. H. Johnson, Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

To the Board of Commissioners :

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report, in which I trust you will find all that should be embraced in a statement of the affairs of the Institution for the year ending Sept. 30, 1872.

The history of the Institution for the past year may be summed up in two words—peace and prosperity.

There has been no epidemic—no serious illness in the household. Under the direction of the Board many much needed improvements have been made, and the grounds around the Institution very much improved.

At the last session of the Legislature, an act was passed increasing the annual appropriation for the support of the Institution, to Eighteen Thousand Dollars, being an increase of Five Thousand Dollars.

This amount has been sufficient to meet all the wants of the Institution so far, and will be sufficient for the ensuing year. The section of the same act, providing for the clothing of the indigent, has been a great relief to us, as well as a most beneficent charity on the part of the State.

The teachers in both the blind and mute departments have faithfully and zealously labored to advance their

classes—and it affords me much pleasure to say to you that they have succeeded well.

The old stereotyped complaint of a want of promptness on the part of the pupils, in entering at the beginning of the session, must be made again. It seems to be impossible to have the friends of our pupils realize the importance of this thing.

We would most respectfully urge upon the board, the absolute necessity of sending an agent into the field to canvass for pupils. It seems to be the only way to induce the attendance of those for whose benefit the Institution was established. This has been the experience of all the older States. Massachusetts keeps a traveling agent *constantly* in the field looking up those who ought to receive the benefits of the Institution.

NUMBER OF PUPILS.

Whole number mutes and blind	70
Mutes	54
Blind	16–70
Males	29
Females	41–70

This shows an increase of twelve (12) over last session. There are quite as many more who ought to be in school.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The table marked A, appended to this report, shows the amounts received and paid out by the principal for the time embraced in the report.

The table marked B, shows the total expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1872.

The affairs of the Institution have been as economically administered as was possible under the circumstances. We had to submit to some loss, on account of the depreciated State money, some of which was paid to us—besides, oftentimes, not having the cash to pay for our supplies, we were not able to buy to the best advantage.

The cost per pupil, has been, however, less than the average in similar institutions, to-wit: $225 27. It will be remembered, that this amount includes board, tuition, school room expenses and medical attention.

In conclusion, I beg leave to return to the Board of Commissioners, my sincere thanks for the interest they have taken in the institution, and for their uniform kind and generous behavior towards the writer.

It is, then, with sincere gratitude to God for the blessings of the year and a firm reliance on Providence for the future, that we begin another year's work.

Jo. H. Johnson, Principal.

[A.]

Jo. H. Johnson, Principal, in account with the Alabama Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind:

1871.		
Oct. 25.	To cash from Treasurer	$ 3,457 13
Feb. 12.	1872 " "	1,500 00
Mar. 6.	" " "	500 00
Ap'l. 17.	" " "	715 26
17.	" " "	2,500 00
July 17.	" " "	1,500 00
		$10,172 39

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By amount due Principal as per last report	$ 446 58
By amount paid balance salaries 3rd quarter 1871	935 00
By amount increase salary to R. R. Asbury	75 00
By amount current expenses 4th quarter, 1871	1,926 50
By amount current expenses 1st quarter, 1872	2,789 31
By amount current expenses 2nd quarter, 1872	2,285 59
By amount discount on $1,590 State money	238 81
By amount discount on $1,410 State money	141 00
By amount current expenses 3rd quarter, 1872	1,481 76
	$10,319 55
1872.	10,172 39
Sept. 30. Amount due Principal to balance	$147 16

Audited and found correct.

G. T. McAfee,
W. Taylor,
Auditing Committee

[B.]

Table showing total expenditures for the year ending September 30th, 1872:

Sept. 30, 1872.

Total amount current expenses	$ 8,483 16
*Total amount paid salaries	$ 5,190 00
	$13,673 16

For Improvements, &c.:

On account of gas fitting and plumbing	$ 181 05
On account of shop building	1,777 72
On account of painting	100 00
On account of traveling expenses	30 00
On account of express charges on money	9 00
	$2,097 77
	13,673 16
	$15,770 93

*Of this amount the salaries for the third quarter, allowed by the Board, amounting to $1,385 00 have not been paid.

REPORT OF IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

Since last report your committee has had but little to do. The amount of balance of improvement fund unexpended, as per last report, was $1842 31. Add to this the sum of $56 36 of the appropriation of 1870, and we have $1898 67 for improvements and repairs. The whole amount paid out for improvements, &c., during the year is $2097 67. The sum spent for improvements over and above the balance of improvement fund, is $199 10.

The main building is in perfect order; no repairs have been needed during the year. The gas fitting, not quite completed a year ago, has been finished, and affords a good light, cheap, and with little trouble. The new shop building has not been occupied yet. The plastering yet remains to be done. The building itself is a handsome one, and will afford us ample room for shop purposes hereafter.

A part of the fences have been repaired, and several inside lines removed, which improves the appearance of the premises. The walks and carriage way have been re-coated

with gravel and sand; the groves on the right and left of the front walk are flourishing, and the lawn has been well coated with grass and clover. A young orchard of two hundred fine young fruit trees—peaches, apples, pears and cherries—has been planted. The garden has been well fertilized and cultivated, affording us an abundance of fine vegetables.

Your committee would most respectfully represent the importance of improving the laundry and bake-house at as early a day as practicable.

The new school building and chapel, alluded to in our last report, would add greatly to the capacity and convenience of the establishment; but, under the present embarrassed condition of the State finances, we do not recommend asking the Legislature for any additional appropriation.

M. H. Cruikshank,
W. Taylor,
J. H. Johnson,
} Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Alabama Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, in account with A. G. Storey, Treasurer, from July 10th, 1871, to September 30th, 1872:

Dec. 21, 1871.	To amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, President of Board of Commissioner's, draft in favor of Jo. H. Johnson, Principal, v. No 1	$ 3,457 13
Feb. 8, 1872.	To amount paid Express charges on $4,500 00 from Montgomery as per v. No. 2	9 00
" 12. "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Jo. H. Johnson, Principal, v. No. 3.	1,500 00
" 12, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Miss E. Omberg, music teacher, v. No. 4	150 00
" 12, "	To am't paid M. H Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to J. A. Hogan, Teacher, v. No. 5	100 00
" 12, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Jo. H. Johnson, Teacher, Principal, v. No. 6	437 50
" 12, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank. Pres., B. C., draft to W. S. Johnson. Teacher, v. No. 7...	75 00
" 12, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to R. R. Asbury, Teacher of Blind, v. No. 8.....	250 00
Mar. 6, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Jo. H. Johnson. Prin'l.. v. No. 9 ...	500 00
" 6, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Mrs. E. G. Groom, Housekeeper, v. No. 10.....	60 00

Second Quarter.

Apr. 17, 1872.	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Jo. H. Johnson, Prin., v. No. 11....	715 26
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to J. A. Hogan, Teacher, v. No. 12.....	112 50
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Miss E. Omberg, music teacher, v. No. 13.....	150 00
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres, B. C., draft to Jo. H. Johnson and wife, Teacher and Matron, v. No. 14.....	500 00
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to W. S. Johnson, Teacher. v. No. 15,..	112 50
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to R. R. Asbury, Teacher of Blind, v. No. 16	300 00
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Mrs. E. G. Groom, Housekeeper, v. No. 17.....	60 00
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Jo H. Johnson, Prin., v. No. 18.....	2,500 00
" 22, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Miss Mary E. Toney, Teacher. v. No. 19.....	50 00
Jan. 5, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Isbell & Co., v. No. 20.....	143 74
" 30, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to A. G & J. A. Storey, v. No. 21.....	3 98
" 30, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Johnson & Story, v. No. 22	30 00
J'ly 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Jo. H. Johnson, Prin., v. No 23 . .	1,500 00
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, President, B. C. draft to Miss M. E. Toney, Teacher, v. No. 24	50 00
" 17, "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to Miss E. Omberg, Music Teacher, v. No. 25.....	150 00
" 20. "	To am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, Pres., B. C., draft to E. G. Morriss, v. No. 26.....	11 00
		$12,927 61

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Dec. 21.	By amount received from State Treasurer on my warrant dated 25th Oct. 1871.....	$ 3,457 13
Feb. 8, 1872.	By amount received from State Treasurer on my warrant dated 17th January, 1872..... ..	4,500 00
Apr. 15, 1872.	By amount received from State Treasurer on my warrant dated 20th April, 1872.....	4,500 00
		$12,457 13

A. G. Storey, Treasurer, in account with Alabama Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

1872. IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Oct. 1.	To balance on hand Nov. 1, 1871, as shown by my report of that date.....	$ 1,842 31

1871.			
Nov. 6.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, Chairman of Improvement Committee, draft to Jo. H. Johnson, v. No. 1		$ 81 05
" 21.	By am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to J. McCann, v. No. 2		60 00
" 21.	By am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to J. McCann, v. No. 3		113 50
Dec. 4.	By am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to J. H. Vandiver, v. N0. 4		96 00
" 4.	By am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to Euchberg & Languessu, v. No, 5		100 00
" 8.	By am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to Wadsworth & Hendricks, v. No. 6		255 00
" 28.	By am't paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to Lehman & Stunfeld, v. No. 7		100 00
" 28.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to R. Nickles, v. No. 8		500 00
" 28.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to M. E. Jones, v. No. 9		25 00
1872.			
Jan. 16.	By amount paid M, H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to M. E. Jones, v. No. 10		232 50
" 25.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to J. A. Story, v. No. 11		12 00
Feb. 29.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to R. Nickles, v No. 12		200 00
M'ch. 20.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to E. G. Morris, v. No. 13		30 00
" 23.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to E. G. Morris, v. No. 14		50 00
" 30.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to E. G. Morris, v. No. 15		25 00
June 5.	By amount paid M. H. Cruikshank, C. C., draft to E. G. Morris, v. No. 16		20 00
			$1,900 05
	To balance in my hands as per above	$ 1,842 31	
	To balance in my hands of appropriation of 1870 as shown by my report 2d April, 1872, and ordered to be transferred to this account, 56 36	1,898 67	
			$1 38

STATE OF ALABAMA, Talladega County.

We, G. T. McAfee and William Taylor, Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind, certify that we have examined the preceding and above stated account, and carefully examined and compared the vouchers on the credit and debtit side of the said account, and find the same correct, and respectfully report and state the same to said Board of Trustees, and recommend the same for allowance and confirmation.

Respectfully submitted.

G. T. McAFEE.
W. TAYLOR.

LIST OF PUPILS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
1—Mims, Maria C	Prattville	Autauga.
2—Wakefield, M. A	Alexandria	Calhoun.
3—Wakefield, S. J	Alexandria	Calhoun.
4—Malear, Josie	Hackneyville	Tallapoosa.
5—Malear, D	Hackneyville	Tallapoosa.
6—Campbell, W. J	Rockford	Coosa.
7—McCaine, Emma	Ashland	Clay.
8—McCaine, Virginia	Ashland	Clay.
9—Christian, M. C	Uniontown	Perry.
10—House, James	Centre	Cherokee.
11—Storey, James W	Union	Greene.
12—Whitman, Georgia	Marion	Perry.
13—Moore, L. B	Troy	Pike.
14—Groom, Ella	Allenton	Wilcox.
15—Toney, Mary	Union Springs	Bullock.
16—Toney, Georgia	Union Springs	Bullock.
17—Toney, Laura	Union Springs	Bullock.
18—Steed, Jane	Oak Level	Cleburne.
19—Trucks, Mattie	Brierfield	Bibb.
20—Harris, Willie	Greenville	Butler.
21—Morgan, Sarah	Pine Hill	Wilcox.
22—Morgan, Jane	Pine Hill	Wilcox.
23—Morgan, A	Pine Hill	Wilcox.
24—Watson, Martha	White Plains	Calhoun.
25—Roberts, Orsce	Columbiana	Shelby.
26—Williams, Smith	Gordo	Pickens.
27—Hughes, John T	Gordo	Pickens.
28—Hughes, Caroline	Gordo	Pickens.
29—Consert, Angeline	Olney	Pickens.
30—Doherty, Francis P	Mobile	Mobile.
31—Payne, Georgia	Dudleyville	Tallapoosa.
32—Cardinal, Louisa	Montgomery	Montgomery.
33—Wilson, S. J	Rock Mills	Randolph.
34—Dickey, M. E.	Ralph Branch	Montgomery.
35—Gardner, James H	Ralph Branch	Montgomery.
36—Morgan, George D	West Point, Ga.	Chambers.
37—Daughdrill, Colin	Mobile	Mobile.
38—Campbell, Zilpha	Louisville	Barbour.
39—Beasley, Calhoun	Clayton	Barbour.
40—Beasley, Mary	Clayton	Barbour.
41—Davirson, W. G	Abbeville	Henry.
42—Davirson, Isaac	Abbeville	Henry.
43—Wheeler, Thomas	Abbeville	Henry.
44—Lawson, J. S	Bullock	Crenshaw.
45—Brundage, H. J	Leon	Crenshaw.
46—Martin, John	Bell's Landing	.....
47—Long, L. J	Pollard	.....
48—Long, M	Pollard	.....
49—Parrish, Sophy	Ozark	Dale.
50—McCullors, Roxy	Rockford	Coosa.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
51—Wright, Elivn	Lawrenceville	Henry.
52—Flemming, Fanny	Mobile	Mobile.
53—Flemming, Mattie	Mobile	Mobile.
54—Rucker, Daniel	Moulton	Lawrence.
55—Tims, Robert	Springville	St. Clair.
56—Parrish, Green	Ozark	Dale.
57—Cox, Henry	Springville	St. Clair.
58—Cox, Richard	Springville	St. Clair.
59—Cox, Jane	Springville	St. Clair.
60—Graham, Emma	Mobile	Mobile.
61—Fisher, Sarah	Mobile	Mobile.
62—McKeever, Willie	Mobile	Mobile.
63—Knox, Lamar	Talladega	Talladega.
64—Banister, Martha	Talladega	Talladega.
65—Sims, Fanny	Youngville	Tallapoosa.
66—McCormic, William	Youngville	Tallapoosa.
67—Farr, Edward	.....	.....
68—Simpson, Lizzie	.....	.....
69—White, Frank	Coal Fire	Pickens.
70—McLinton, Martha	Wilsonville	Shelby.

Males, 29; Females, 41; Mutes, 54; Blind, 16.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The thanks of the Board of Trustees, and all connected with the Institution, are due, and are hereby tendered to President Todd, of the "Synodical Female Institute of Talladega," for the use of his fine Chapel for our Examination Exercises and Concert.

Thanks are also cordially rendered to the proprietors of the following papers and periodicals, who have kindly furnished to the Institution a copy each of their journals:

1.—Daily Advertiser, Montgomery, Alabama.
2.—Daily Commercial, Rome, Ga.
3.—Tri-Weekly Courier, Rome, Ga.
4.—Southern Argus, Selma, Ala.
5.—Shelby Guide, Columbiana, Ala.
6.—Evergreen Observer, Evergreen, Ala.
7.—Watchtower, Talladega, Ala.
8.—Home, Talladega, Ala.
9.—Reporter, Talladega, Ala.
10.—Mutes Chronicle, Columbus, Ohio.
11.—Deaf Mute Advance, Jacksonville, Ill.
12.—Pelican, Baton Rouge, La.
13.—Silent World, Washington, D. C.

TERMS OF ADMISSION—INDIGENT PUPILS—HOW ADMITTED.

"Application for admission must be made to the Board of Commissioners in writing, and must state their name, age, place of birth and present residence; how long the applicant has been a resident of the State; that he or she is deaf and dumb or blind; that the applicant, or his or her family are unable to pay his or her board and tuition. This application must be sworn to by the applicant or some

one cognizant of the facts, and filed with the Board; whereupon, the Board shall, if they deem the proof sufficient, cause an order to be entered upon their record admitting said applicant."

PAY PUPILS.

Pay pupils will be charged two hundred dollars for board and tuition for school year of forty weeks.

CLOTHING FOR THE INDIGENT.

In relation to indigent pupils, the General Assembly in 1871 passed the following act:

"In all cases where the parents of pupils sent to the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, are too poor to furnish them with good and sufficient clothing, or where said pupils are without parents and unable to furnish themselves with such clothing, the judge of the county court of the county from which they are sent, shall certify the same to the principal, who shall procure such necessary clothing and charge the same to said county; present the account, with the vouchers to the auditor of public accounts, who thereupon shall draw upon the county treasurer for the amount so charged to the county; and the said county shall annually assess and collect by tax the amount necessary to pay said order or orders; and if said county shall fail so to do, the circuit court in said county shall, on application therefor, compel the same by mandamus.